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1. SUMMARY: AS REQUESTED BY ENVCOM, PERM DELS MET WITH SECRETARIAT JULY 25 FOR DETAILED EXAMINATION 1975 PROGRAM DOCUMENT ENV(74)18. US COMMENTS PER POSITION PAPER FOR JULY 1-3 ENVCOM MEETING, SUPPLEMENTED BY REF (B), LARGELY IN LINE WITH CONSENSUS. IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION ENVCOM MINISTERIAL, NETHERLANDS DEL STATED THAT SO FAR ABOUT TWELVE COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY UNOFFICIALLY INDICATED THEIR AGREEMENT TO DUTCH CHARMANSHIP FROM INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPARTMENT, MISSION UNDERSTANDS US HAS NO PROBLEM THIS RESPECT, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE UNCLASSIFIED

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CONFIRMATION . END SUMMARY.

2. SECRETARIAT INTRODUCED ENV(74)18, 1975 PROGRAM PROPOSALS, STATING THAT THIS DOCUMENT NOW WITH SECGEN FOR INCORPORATION IN PROGRAM. MAJOR CHANGES COULD THUS BE MADE ONLY IN FALL CONSIDERATION OF 1975 OECD BUDGET, BUT PROGRAM FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO ABSORB MINOR MODIFICATIONS. CUT IN REAL RESOURCES FOR 1975 WOULD PROBABLY NOT EXCEED 2 PERCENT (8 MAN-MONTHS), WHICH WOULD NOT AFFECT PROGRAM. REAL PROBLEM WILL BE REALLOCATION OF RESOURCES FOR ADEQUATE TREATMENT NEW PRIORITY AREAS DEVELOPED FROM ACTION PROPOSALS TO ENVIRONMENT MINISTERS PROGRAM RECEIVED GENERAL ENDORSEMENT, BUT SEVERAL DELS, INCLUDING US, CALLED FOR MORE DETAIL AND PRECISION IN FUTURE PROGRAMS RE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES, ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES THERETO, AND PHASING OF PROJECTS. SECRETARIAT GAVE GROUP FOLLOWING APPROXIMATE BREAKDOWN OF TOTAL STAFF RESOURCES, INCLUDING CONSULTANTS, AS HOW FORESEEN FOR 1975, IN MAN-MONTHS: DIRECTION AND COORDINATION, 13 PERCENT, CENTRAL ANALYSIS UNIT, 15 PERCENT, INTEGRATED PROJECTS, 25 PERCENT; NATURAL RESOURCES , 26 PERCENT; URBAN ENVIRONMENT , 20 PERCENT.

3. ENV(74)18 WILL BE REVISED TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF COMMENTS BY DELS, WHICH INCLUDED FOLLOWING; (REFERENCES ARE TO ENV(74)18):

A. DIRECTION AND COORDINATION. GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH PARA 3 PRIORITIES. US PRIORITY FOR INTERNATIONAL CRITERIA NOTED. LOW PRIORITY ON PARA 4, INDUSTRY-PUBLIC AUTHORITY COOPERATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT.

B. INTEGRATED PROJECTS. MEETING ENDORSED APPROACH, BUT IN CASE OF ENERGY (PARA 6) AND WASTE MANAGEMENT, URGED CAUTION IN DEVELOPING PROGRAMS UNTIL MORE KNOWN ABOUT INITIATIVES ELSEWHERE AND COORDINATION WITH OVERALL OECD PROGRAMS, PARTICULARLY IN ENERGY FIELD.

C. CENTRAL ANALYSIS AND EVALUTION (CAE). PARA 13

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AMENDED TO READ 'AN INCREASED ' INSTEAD OF 'MAJOR PART' OF RESOURCES FOR INTEGRATION WORK OF CAE UNIT AND SCEE WITH SECTOR AND AD HOC GROUPS. ON REQUEST OF JAPANESE DEL, "GUIDING PRINCIPLES" SUBSTITUTED FOR ""PPP"" INTITLE OF PARA 14(A), WHICH WAS CONSIDERED HIGH PRIORITY FOR SCEE. PARAS 14(B) AND (C) GIVEN LOW PRIORITY BY MOST DELS.

D. NATURAL RESOURCES AND POLLUTION CONTROL.
GENERAL SATISFACTION WITH THIS PART OF PROGRAM. ALMOST ZERO DISCUSSION.

E. URBAN ENVIRONMENT AND LAND USE. EVERYBODY AGREED THIS IS KEY SECTOR, BUT NOBODY SATISFIED WITH PROGRAM STATEMENT. GENERAL FEELING THAT URBAN SECTOR GROUP AND SECRETARIAT HAD NOT SO FAR IDENTIFIED POLICY ISSUES WITH ENOUGH PRECISION TO HOLD MEMBER-COUNTRY INTEREST. IN PARTICULAR, PARA 28, LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, CAME UNDER HEAVY FIRE AS VIRTUALLY MEANINGLESS
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IN PRESENT FORM, AND, ON BEHALF OF ENVCOM. DELS INSTRUCTED IT BE RESUBMITTED TO URBAN SECTOR GROUP FOR RETHINKING AND REFORMULATION (MISSION NOTES THAT ALL DELS SPOLE FROM INSTRUCTIONS, AS THE MEETING WAS CONSIDERED AS OFFICIAL CONTINUATION OF JULY 1-3 ENVCOM PLENARY). IN MEANTIME, MEMBER-COUNTRY SUGGESTIONS FOR PIN-POINT TOPICS IN SECTION E REQUESTED BY AUG 15, PARTICULARLY FOR PARA 28.

4. CHAIRMANSHIP OF ENVCOM MINISTERIAL. MISSION REQUESTS CONFIRMATION OF US POSITION RE NETHERLANDS CHAIRMANSHIP.
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